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MARILYN BOUMA-PYPER AND THE GRANGE BOOK - A WINNING COMBO!

Marilyn and OUR BOOK have won yet again - an award of merit in the graphic design category from Studio Magazine. There were 10,000 entries from around the world, and Studio Magazine says that the winning entries "represent outstanding quality."

DOUBLE HONOURS FOR GRANGE GURU, MARGARET MACHELL

Awarded the Janet Carnochan Award in 1988 by the Ontario Historical Society for her generous contribution of both time and knowledge to the heritage community, Margaret Machell was honoured again when the Ontario Museums Association announced that she was one of two recipients of their 1989 Award of Merit.

For new volunteers who may not know Margaret, she has been an important member of the Ontario and Canadian museum community for many years. Beginning her career with the AGO as Assistant, Membership, in 1944, she held various positions before being appointed Custodian of The Grange. In 1975, Margaret became Keeper of The Grange and Archives, and from 1981 until her retirement in 1984, she was AGO Archivist, Grange Consultant and Records Manager.

Since her retirement Margaret Machell has given much of her time to the cause of heritage preservation, and is a member of The Grange Board.

Interestingly enough, the second OMA award recipient had Grange connections - Susan Burke, now Manager/Curator of the Schneider Haus in Kitchener, is a former Grange guide.

HERITAGE SHOWCASE 1990 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

The Ontario Historical Society launched the first Heritage Showcase in 1986 to mark Heritage Week, and to increase public awareness of our province's rich and diverse history, and of the groups active in their communities in heritage preservation and promotion.

In the Toronto area, this year's Heritage Showcase will again be held in the Yorkdale Shopping Centre on Saturday, February 17. The Grange, along with other local historic sites like Gibson House and Black Creek Pioneer Village, will be participating, and volunteers are needed for the three shifts: 9:00 - noon, noon to 3:00 and 3:00 to 6:00. A great opportunity to promote The Grange and to meet other workers in the heritage community. If you would like to help, there is a list to sign on the notice board in the staff lounge, or call Mary Aziz at 489-2203 for more information.

MORE HERITAGE WEEK NEWS

As their celebration of Heritage Week, the Toronto Historical Board will be offering free admission to all their properties - Fort York, Colborne Lodge, Mackenzie House, Spadina and the Maritime Museum, on February 17, 18 and 19.

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM ELIZABETH CHISH

I would like to thank all The Grange volunteers who helped at the McMichael on September 23, and the husbands and sons who also helped to make it a great success. The attendance was 3,400.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND ENRICHMENT

Among the requirements for a good historic interpreter is an enthusiasm for learning, for finding time for reading and research. The Grange Training and Enrichment sessions add to our knowledge of the time period within which we work at The Grange, no matter how long we may have been volunteers.

The enthusiasm of some Grange volunteers has spurred them to take advantage of some of the interesting courses and workshops that are offered by other historic organizations like the Ontario Historical Society and Gibson House. On September 30, a contingent of Grange volunteers, which included Florence Watts, Joyce Wye, Jean Crack, Mary Cormack and Wayne Fleming, attended the OHS day-long workshop, "Milestones in 19th Century Family Life", held at Gibson House. Areas covered were Religious Belief in 19th Century Ontario, Victorian Funeral Customs, Birthing in 19th Century Ontario, and 19th Century Marriages. Later, on December 10, Florence Watts, Joyce Wye and Shirley Moffatt went to Black Creek Pioneer Village to attend another OHS workshop on the customs and traditions of the Victorian Christmas in Ontario. Emphasis was on the type of food which would have been served, and our volunteers had an enjoyable and informative "hands on" session making some of the dishes.

The volunteers attending both workshops felt they had been very worthwhile. A very comprehensive report on the workshops was submitted by both groups, and anyone wishing to see them should check with Peggy Eades who has them on file.

Several pats on the back to these dedicated people who took an entire day out of their weekend in the pursuit of knowledge.

NEXT GRANGE TRAINING EVENING

Monday, February 12: Brought back by popular demand! Diana Weatherall and Lucienne Watt have been asked many times if they would repeat their very well-researched and successful Grange luncheon lecture on the life of Harriette Boulton Smith for The Grange Training program. A not to be missed event. Supper at 5:30 (\$3.00 please). Lecture at 6:00.

GOOD HOME OFFERED TO RETIRED TEA CLOTHS AND GIANT DINNER NAPKINS

The Grange would be delighted to give a home to any 4' x 4' WHITE tea cloth, linen, plain or embroidered, lace, etc. (but MACHINE WASHABLE) or large dinner napkins that you may have packed away and no longer use for its Kettledrum occasions. Please call Peggy Eades, local 237.

GRANGE SPRING LUNCHEON LECTURES

The theme "The World of D'Arcy Boulton Jr. - York 1808-1845" continues with the following:

Wednesday, February 21: Education and Society with Edith Firth, a distinguished Toronto historian and author.

Wednesday, March 7: Gentlemen in the Rough: the Boulton Men in 19th Century Toronto with Carolyn Strange, Assistant Archivist, The Law Society of Upper Canada, and social historian.

Both lectures will be held at 11:00 am. in The Grange Music Room, followed by a light lunch from The Grange kitchen. Tickets \$10 each.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, April 30: Grange Annual General Meeting 6:00 pm.
(Please note the change in date)
Location - Grange Music Room
Refreshments.

Monday, May 14: The Grange Expedition to Dundurn Castle and Whitehern
An informal survey of Grange volunteers indicated that many would enjoy a trip to Hamilton to visit Dundurn Castle and Whitehern. Arrangements are now being finalized, so watch the bulletin board for time and costs. It is hoped that we will have lunch at the charming Ancaster Mill.

GRANGE CLOSING

At the present time, Stage III construction plans call for The Grange to be closed for 2 to 3 weeks in July. Subject to change!!

NEW FACES AT THE GRANGE

A warm welcome to: Wendy MacMillan - Saturday and Sunday,
Elaine Freedman - Tuesday
Barbara Patterson - Wednesday

We hope they will all enjoy working at The Grange.

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